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In response to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2002, please amend the aboveidentified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following Claims to read as indicated.

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a first flat member having a predetermined shape, first and second opposed flat surfaces, and a first predetermined thickness;

a cavity formed in the first flat member that has a predetermined inner partially curved contour, which cavity is exposed at the first flat surface of the first flat member and along a portion of an edge of the first flat member, which cavity has a depth that extends a predetermined distance below the first flat surface, and wherein the depth of the cavity is a predetermined portion of the thickness of the first flat member; and

a second flat member having a predetermined shape, first and second opposed flat surfaces, and a second predetermined thickness, and having a tab with an outer partially curved contour that substantially matches the inner contour of the cavity in the first flat member so that the tab fits within the cavity, which tab a thickness that substantially matches the depth of the cavity formed in the first flat member, and wherein the first and second flat members, when joined, lie in the same plane.

د کی کاد. A joint system for producing a flat, coplanar, frame structure, comprising:

a first flat member having a predetermined shape, first and second opposed flat surfaces, and a first predetermined thickness which first member comprises a cavity having a predetermined inner contour, which cavity is exposed at the first flat surface, that is exposed along a portion of an edge of the first flat member, which cavity has a depth that extends a predetermined distance below the first flat surface; and